
and change of title of the superintendent of workhouse and reformatory; new position, deputy superintendent, salary, \$1,500; increase of \$150 for captain of steamboat; for dairy and storage building, \$4,000; for chapel and amusement hall, \$2,500; increase of \$15,000 in fund for maintenance of institution; increase of \$23,900 in appropriation for completing central reformatory and necessary alterations at reformatory.

Militia—An increase of \$13,850 is submitted in the item for camps, and \$1,000 for uniforms and equipment. The militia, making a total of \$41,850; increase of \$4,300 rent of armories, armchouses and stables; increase of \$1,000 for uniforms and equipment. Although efforts will still be made by Congress and in the District of Columbia to provide a permanent home for the District militia, the bill for the District militia for a five-year term of a suitable building or buildings for the troops. This provision reads:

Text of Provision.

Provided, That the commanding general of the militia of the District of Columbia is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for the lease of an armory, stable, drill shed, and warehouse for cavalry, field artillery, signals and hospital troops, for troops in on building, not to exceed, for a period not to exceed five years, renewable at the option of the said commanding general for an additional period of not exceeding five years, at an annual rental not to exceed \$10,000: Provided further, That the said commanding general may, at any time for the year 1915, for a portion thereof, the building known as 230 First street northwest, be used as a camp, as an armory for mounted and other troops, at an annual rental of \$3,900, and the building known as 458 to 460 Virginia avenue, as a camp, as an armory, and as armchouses, at an annual rental of \$80, paying therefor a rental not in excess of the current rentals (submitted by the city).

ANACOSTIA RIVER FLATS.

The commissioners ask for \$300,000 to be expended under direction of the War Department for continuing the reclamation and development of Anacostia river and flats from Anacostia bridge northeast to the District line. The estimated cost of the work of the amount allowed last year.

Accompanying this estimate is a bill for the regulation, drafted by the commissioners, empowering the Secretary of War to take any condemnation proceedings necessary in the reclamation of the Anacostia river, for exchange land, perfect titles, and take other steps necessary in the reclamation project.

PARKS.

Three parks, to cost more than \$300,000, are estimated for, despite the disincorporation of Congress and a city with a similar recommendation last year. The Commissioners again commend the purchase at \$500,000 of the Patterson tract, lying near the city line, for the use of the National Deaf. They also urge an outlay of \$250,000 to acquire the Dean tract, Pleasant, and \$87,000 for the acquisition of the site of the National Fair, from Woodley road to the Zoological Park.

For the condemnation of small park the sum of \$25,000 is estimated.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

For the operation and maintenance of the Washington aqueduct an appropriation of \$155,000 is estimated, and is being an increase of \$32,000. An additional sum of \$10,000 is estimated for continuing the linings of the underground of the tunnel of the aqueduct; for completing the purchase and installation of water meters on Government reservations, \$4,000. It is stipulated that the construction of the aqueduct shall remain with the Secretary of War, this being at variance with the recommendation of the Commissioners that they be given jurisdiction over the aqueduct.

The salary increases proposed in the bill are: District Clerks, \$300; 700 additional clerks at \$1,000; four additional meter computers at \$1,000; increases of \$100 each for twelve men in the establishment of the printing and distribution branch, and similar increase for assistant engineer; increase of \$100 for assistant engineer; increase of \$400 major mechanic; increase of \$200 each two steam engineers and one clerk.

For Extensions.

It is estimated that a total of \$310,000 will be required for continuing the extension of water mains, the extension of the system of water distribution for the next fiscal year. The total of estimates for the Water Department amount to \$683,000.

Legislation that would prevent the District of Columbia employees on holidays is recommended by the Commissioners, who included such a suggestion in the bill for the year 1915. If enacted, this legislation would read:

That all per diem employees and day laborers of the District of Columbia who have been continuously employed five working days next preceding such days as are legal holidays in the District of Columbia, and the employment continues through and beyond said legal holidays, may, in the discretion of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, be granted leave of absence with pay for said legal holidays (submitted).

Work On Streets.

An appendix to the District estimate furnishes the details of the proposed schedule of work on streets and avenues, known as the north-east and south-east schedules. They are:

Northwest section—E street from Twelfth street to Virginia avenue; Virginia avenue from Eighteenth street to E street; Virginia avenue from G street to Twenty-sixth street; E street from Twelfth street to T streets; Bates street from North Capitol to First street; Willard street from North Capitol to E street; H street from Twelfth street to Twenty-fourth street; N street from Twenty-fourth street to twenty-fifth street. Twenty-fifth street from K street to Pennsylvania avenue.

Northeast section—Eleventh street from I street to Florida avenue; Twelfth street from H street to Florida avenue; Fourteenth street from I street to Florida avenue; Fifteenth street from I street to Florida avenue; I street from Seventh street to T street; J street from North Capitol street to First street; Kent place from Ninth street to Twelfth street; K street from Twelfth street to First street.

Southeast section—Potomac avenue from Thirteenth street to Fourteenth street; Thirteenth street from D street to Pennsylvania avenue; D street from Ninth street to Twelfth street (north roadway) from Twelfth street to Thirteenth street; Virginia avenue from Eighth street to Ninth street; Ninth street from Tenth street to Twelfth street; Kentucky avenue from B street to South Carolina avenue; Walter place from Twelfth street to Twelfth street; Second street (east roadway).

Southeast section—School street from E street to H street; E street from Virginia avenue to I street; G street from Virginia and a-half street to Water street; H street from N street to G street; Georgetown section—Twenty-first street from F street to Q street.